

Johnson, Mr. Strauss, and Mr. Hager of the Relief Commission to address a Joint Session of the House and Senate,

Has carefully compared same, and finds it correctly enrolled.

MORRISON, Vice-Chairman.

FIFTH DAY

(Friday, August 31, 1934)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Stevenson.

The roll was called, and the following Members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Harman.
Adamson.	Harris.
Aikin.	Hartzog.
Alexander.	Head.
Alsup.	Hicks.
Atchison.	Hill.
Baker.	Hodges.
Barrett.	Holekamp.
Barron.	Holland.
Beck.	Hoskins.
Bedford.	Huddleston.
Bergman.	Hughes.
Bourne.	Hunt.
Bradley.	Hunter.
Burns.	Hyder.
Butler.	Jackson.
Calvert.	James.
Camp.	Jefferson.
Canon.	Johnson
Caven.	of Anderson.
Celaya.	Jones of Atascosa.
Chastain.	Jones of Shelby.
Clayton.	Kayton.
Colson.	Kyle of Hays.
Cowley.	Kyle of Palo Pinto.
Crossley.	Laird.
Daniel.	Lange.
Davidson.	Latham.
Dean.	Lemens.
Devall.	Leonard.
Dunlap.	Lindsey.
Dunagan.	Long.
Duvall.	Lotief.
Dwyer.	Mackay.
Engelhard.	Magee.
Fain.	Mathis.
Fisher.	McCullough.
Ford.	Merritt.
Fuchs.	Metcalfe.
Glass.	Mitcham.
Golson.	Moffett.
Good.	Moore.
Goodman.	Morrison.
Graves.	Morse.
Greathouse.	Munson.
Griffith.	Nicholson.
Hankamer.	Palmer.

Parkhouse.	Shannon.
Patterson.	Shults.
Pavlica.	Smith.
Pope.	Stanfield.
Purveyar.	Steward.
Ramsey.	Stinson.
Ratliff.	Stovall.
Ray.	Stubbeman.
Reader.	Tarwater.
Reed of Bowie.	Tennyson.
Reed of Dallas.	Thomas.
Renfro.	Tillery.
Riddle.	Townsend.
Roark.	Turlington.
Roberts.	Van Zandt.
Rogers of Hunt.	Vaughan.
Rogers	Wagstaff.
of Ochiltree.	Walker.
Rollins.	Weinert.
Russell.	Wells.
Savage.	Winningham.
Scarborough.	Wood.
Scott.	Young.

Absent

Cathey.	McGregor.
Jones of Runnels.	

Absent—Excused

Anderson.	Johnson
Coombes.	of Dimmit.
Harrison.	McDougald.
Hester.	McKee.
Holloway.	

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. W. Coltrin, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following Members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. McKee for today and tomorrow, on motion of Speaker Stevenson.

Mr. Coombes for today, on motion of Mr. Good.

Mr. Holloway for today, on motion of Mr. Latham.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Moffett, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Rogers of Ochiltree:

H. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time for the payment of notes or obligations executed prior to November 1, 1901, by purchasers of school land for the un-

paid balance of principal due the State thereon, such extensions to be for a period of ten years from and after the passage of this Act; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

By Mr. Tillery, Mr. Mitcham, Mr. Russell, Mr. Glass, Mr. Dunagan, Mr. Walker, Mr. Fuchs, Mr. Wells, Mr. Pope, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Roark, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Reed of Dallas, Mr. Jones of Runnels, Mr. Puryear, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Rogers of Ochiltree, Mr. Young, Mr. Baker, Mr. Jones of Shelby, Mr. Engelhard, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Cowley, Mr. Holekamp, Mr. Huddleston, Mr. Kyle of Palo Pinto, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Hartzog, Mr. Barron, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Laird, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Rogers of Hunt, Mr. McKee, Mr. Golson, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hyder, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Coombes, Mr. Stubbeman, Mr. Tennyson, Mr. Alsup, Mr. Reed of Bowie, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Lindsey, Mr. Shults, Mr. Burns, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Riddle, Mr. Bourne, Mr. Caven, Mr. Celaya and Mr. Lange:

H. B. No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 7046 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas for 1925, providing that a poll tax of one dollar (\$1.00) only shall be collected on every person between the ages of 21 and 60 years, making certain exceptions, etc.; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Moore, Mr. Mathis, Mr. Morse, Mr. Bradley and Mr. Holland:

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 8, of the General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, passed at its First Called Session, as amended by Senate Bill No. 143, Section 2, Chapter 24, of the General Laws of the Forty-first Legislature, passed at its Regular Session in 1929; also providing for an official court reporter of the County Court at Law No. 2 of Harris County, Texas, fixing the duties and compensation of said reporter, conferring civil as well as criminal jurisdiction upon said court, providing for filing and docketing and transferring causes, and fixing effective date."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By M. Good:

H. B. No. 15, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4769, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, relating to reports of certain life insurance companies, providing for an occupation tax; repealing any and all parts of all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Russell and Mr. Dunagan:

H. B. No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation of money for the State Department of Agriculture; providing for the purposes thereof, and manner of expenditure, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, August 31, 1934.

Hon. Coke Stevenson, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following:

S. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act ratifying, confirming and validating all bond and tax elections and the proceedings therein, and preliminary thereto, and the bonds issued or to be issued in pursuance thereof and the tax levies made and to be made for the payment of such bonds in all cases where any such bond and tax election has heretofore been held in any independent school district (created by special Act or under the General Law), or in any common school district, and where the proposition for the issuance of such bonds and the levying of such tax has carried at such election, and where the proceedings for any such election were irregular or defective in that no petition, or no legally sufficient petition, was filed requesting the ordering of such election, or in that the order or resolution of the board of trustees or board of education or other governing body calling such election and the notice given of such election and the proposition submitted at such election for the issuance of the bonds, either or all, did not specify or distinctly specify the maturity dates of the bonds to be is-

sued, or where there was any other irregularity or defect in or connected with such election or the proceedings preliminary thereto, and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 3, Authorizing the State Highway Department to erect appropriate markers on public highways leading to the historic points in Texas during the celebration of the Texas Centennial in 1936.

S. C. R. No. 4, Inviting Honorable Tom Connally to address a Joint Session of this Legislature at such time as may meet with his convenience.

S. C. R. No. 1, Authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to permit the United States Forest Service to make examination of certain records in the Land Office free of charge.

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING

The following Senate bill, received from the Senate today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

Senate Bill No. 2, to the Committee on State Affairs.

REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION OF AND AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION BY THE FEDERAL RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Bradley offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 7, Requesting certain information of and an equitable distribution of funds by the Federal Relief Administration.

Whereas, The Federal Emergency Relief Administration will be required for some time to contribute support to many citizens in the several States in order to prevent starvation, exposure, and undue economic hardship, and that it is therefore essential that the several States intelligently support a satisfactory and equitable apportionment of the expense of public relief between the Federal Government and each State; and

Whereas, There are many States that have contributed nothing, or almost nothing, for the relief of their citizens but have left the responsibility with the Federal Government

without adequate explanation, and, although in some instances local conditions in some of the various States may justify a lack of uniformity in the contribution of Federal funds for relief work, there has been delay in furnishing said explanation by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, such information having been repeatedly requested; and

Whereas, Said delay naturally raises suspicion that some of the States have not been treated fairly while other States have been favored by the Federal Government in this matter, and such suspicion should be corrected if possible at the earliest available opportunity, or whatever inequalities that may exist, should be adjusted as soon as possible; and

Whereas, A full explanation by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, or if necessary, the establishment of a fair system by said Administration for the distribution of funds through the several States is essential; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That the Federal Emergency Relief Administration be, and is hereby, requested to explain fully the variations in allotments by said Administration among the several States and/or to establish, or to take steps to establish, a correction of such variations where same may be unjustifiable; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry L. Hopkins.

BRADLEY,
MATHIS,
WEINERT,
KAYTON,
JEFFERSON,
ALEXANDER.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Bradley moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The motion prevailed.

RELATIVE TO TAXATION ON MARINE PRODUCTS

Mr. Jefferson offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There exists today, on the Texas coast, considerable dissatisfaction relative to the system of taxation on marine products; and

Whereas, There is considerable confusion in the State relative to open and closed waters on the Texas coast, and with reference to local and special game laws; and

Whereas, It is the belief, of the members of the Committee on Game and Fisheries, and many of the Members of the House of Representatives, that these conditions could be more ideally regulated by a thorough and proper survey of the situation; and

Whereas, The Game, Fish and Oyster Commission is in accord with this plan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House be instructed to appoint a committee of five from the House of Representatives to make such survey, and that said committee be authorized to work with the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, and submit its report to the House of Representatives at some called session or at the next regular session of the Legislature; and, be it further

Resolved, That the committee be limited in expenses to not exceed \$500, and the expenses of the committee be paid out of the contingent fund of the Forty-third Legislature; the expense account of each member of the said committee shall be sworn to and approved by the executive secretary of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission before warrant is issued by the Comptroller.

JEFFERSON,
HARTZOG,
HOSKINS.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Jefferson, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

COMMUNICATION IN REGARD TO EXPENDITURE OF RELIEF FUNDS

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following communication:

Beaumont, Texas, August 30, 1934.
Legislature in Session, Austin, Texas.

At regular noon meeting today we unanimously endorse and congratulate you in requiring investigating of old relief funds and proof of need before issuing additional bonds of nine million or less as you see fit.

LIONS CLUB OF BEAUMONT.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House, and had read, the following message from the Governor:

Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, August 31, 1934.

To the House of Representatives,
Forty-third Legislature, in Called Session:

Responding to H. S. R. No. 9, I wish to say that the estimate submitted in my message to you under date of August 27, 1934, concerning relief needs, was based upon information furnished by the Director of the Texas Relief Commission and members of his staff, as well as information furnished by mayors of some of our larger cities and others interested in the administration of relief in Texas, and I have no further data to submit to you at this time.

Official duties of my office make it difficult for me to sit with your committee in consideration of House Bill No. 1; however, if there is any information which you desire and which I am able to furnish, I shall be very glad to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

RELATIVE TO INVESTIGATION OF THE EXPENDITURE OF RELIEF FUNDS

Mr. Savage moved that the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of three Members to confer with the Senate, in regard to holding a Joint Session of the House and Senate, for the purpose of considering the expenditure of relief funds.

Mr. Hyder moved to table the motion of Mr. Savage.

The motion to table prevailed.

RELATIVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Mr. Mathis moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering House Bill No. 1.

The motion prevailed.

The House, accordingly, at 11 o'clock a. m., resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HOUSE

(Mrs. Hughes in the Chair.)

The motion was made and seconded that Hon. Coke R. Stevenson, Speaker, be named Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House.

The motion prevailed.

(Mr. Stevenson in the Chair.)

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL
NO. 1

The chairman laid before the committee for consideration at this time, by the committee,

H. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the issuance of State relief bonds to be designated as Texas Relief Bonds, Third Series, in the sum of nine million five hundred thousand dollars (\$9,500,000) under Section 51-a, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Texas; providing for the sources of revenue from which said bonds shall be paid and their denominations, date maturities, maximum interest rate, and date of payment of interest, place of payment, exempting same from taxation; providing that said bonds shall be eligible to secure deposits of the State of Texas, that said bonds shall be eligible to secure deposits of the State of Texas, counties, cities, or political subdivisions thereof and public corporations thereof; providing for their approval by the Attorney General, signing by the Governor, attesting by the Secretary of State, and registering by the Comptroller and Treasurer; prescribing the procedure for the sale of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; prohibiting borrowing in anticipation of future issuance of bonds; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Mr. Duvall made the following motion:

I move that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House appoint a steering committee of five members, who shall provide proper procedure for the conduct of an inquiry into the past expenditures and future requirements and methods employed by the Relief Commission in line with consideration of House Bill No. 1.

DUVALL,
KAYTON.

The motion prevailed.

The chairman appointed the following committee in accordance with the above motion:

Messrs. Duvall, Kayton, James, Parkhouse, and Alexander.

At 11:55 o'clock a. m., Mr. Parkhouse moved that the committee rise and report progress and ask leave of the House to sit again.

The motion prevailed.

IN THE HOUSE

(Speaker in the Chair.)

At 11:55 o'clock a. m., Mr. Stevenson, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House, reported to the House that the committee desired to rise and report progress.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lemens moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m., next Tuesday.

Mr. Reed of Bowie moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Reed of Bowie prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 12 o'clock m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

SIXTH DAY

(Saturday, September 1, 1934)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Stevenson.

The roll was called, and the following Members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Colson.
Adamson.	Cowley.
Aikin.	Crossley.
Alexander.	Daniel.
Alsup.	Dunlap.
Atchison.	Dunagan.
Baker.	Engelhard.
Barrett.	Fain.
Barron.	Fisher.
Beck.	Fuchs.
Bedford.	Glass.
Bourne.	Golson.
Bradley.	Good.
Burns.	Goodman.
Camp.	Graves.
Canon.	Greathouse.
Cathey.	Griffith.
Celaya.	Hankamer.
Chastain.	Harman.
Clayton.	Harris.